

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Michael WRAY) Re: Preliminary Amendment
Serial No.: Not yet assigned)
Filed: Concurrently herewith) Our Ref: B-4053 618409-8
For: "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR)
DISCOVERING A TRUST CHAIN)
IMPARTING A REQUIRED ATTRIBUTE)
TO A SUBJECT") Date: December 7, 2000

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, it is respectfully requested that the following amendments be made to the Claims and Abstract:

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 3, Line 1 Please change "claim1" to --claim 1--.

Claim 6, Line 1 Please change "any one of the preceding
claims" to --claim 1--.

Claim 7, Line 1 Please change "any one of the preceding
claims" to --claim 1--.

Claim 9, Line 1 Please change "any one of the preceding
claims" to --claim 1--.

Claim 11, Line 3 Please change "any one of claims 1 to 7"
to --claim 1--.